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SUBJECT: TERRORIST THREATS AGAINST US MOVIE DISTRIBUTOR

1. MOTION PICTURE PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT JACK VALENTI CALLED DEPARTMENT JULY 22 TO SAY THAT PERSONS PURPORTING TO BE CONNECTED WITH JAPANESE RED ARMY HAD THREATENED TOHO PICTURES OVER RELEASE OF US FILM "BLACK SUNDAY" (ABOUT ISRAELI AGENT FOILING ARAB TERRORIST PLOT). TOHO, VALENTI SAID, HAS NOW INDEFINITELY POSTPONED DISTRIBUTION OF PICTURE AS RESULT.

2. VALENTI SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO TOHO DISTRIBUTOR, IRAQUI AMBASSADOR AND ARAB LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES VISITED MOFA VICE MINISTER ARITA RECENTLY URGING GOJ TO HALT DISTRIBUTION OF "BLACK SUNDAY". ARITA REPORTEDLY RESPONDED THAT GOJ HAD NO AUTHORITY TO DO SO IN VIEW OF FACT THAT
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3. ADDITIONALLY, JAPAN-ARAB SOCIETY DECLARED ITS INTENTION OF PROTESTING RELEASE OF PICTURE AND TOHO HAS RECEIVED

THREATENING CALLS FROM OTHER SOURCES AS WELL.

4. TOHO EXECUTIVES HELD EMERGENCY MEETING LAST WEEK AND DECIDED TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY RELEASE OF "BLACK SUNDAY" IN JAPAN. COMPANY APPARENTLY FEELS THAT IT WOULD SUFFER PUBLIC CRITICISM SHOULD SOME INCIDENT OCCUR AS RESULT OF SHOWING PICTURE. TOHO HAS REPORTED ALL OF ABOVE TO JAPANESE POLICE AND AUTHORITIES.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S LOOKING INTO THIS INCIDENT AND PROVIDING ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT BE READILY AVAILABLE. WE UNDERSTAND SIMILAR SITUATION OCCURRED IN RECENT PAST DURING RELEASE OF FILM ABOUT ISRAELI RAID ON ENTEBBE. MPPA CONTACT IN TOKYO IS I. ARAKI OF CINEMA INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION. VANCE

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